

Mr. Young is married to the former June Barker. They have one daughter, Connie. Mr. Speaker, as the U.S. Representative for Alabama's Fifth Congressional District, I want to commend Mr. Young for his lifetime of service to our nation and wish him and his family the very best in his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR ERNEST
"HOSS" McBRIDE

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 1998

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, Major Ernest McBride was a Mississippi country boy called "Hoss" because of his huge lumbering frame. Hoss is remembered by his comrades as a wonderful human being who gave his life for his country. He was always very popular because of his gentle personality and his guitar playing ability. His name graces the largest USAF Air Force Training Command Library at Keesler, AFB, Mississippi.

Major McBride was born on December 20, 1930 in Hattiesburg, MI. He graduated from Demonstration High School on May 27, 1949. He met his future wife, Helen Giraldo of Bogota, Colombia while she was an exchange student at Southern Mississippi University. It was love at first sight despite the fact she knew very little English and he knew no Spanish. He married Giraldo on September 13, 1953 in Hattiesburg.

Major McBride enlisted in the Air Force on April 16, 1952 and went through the Aviation Cadet program graduating in Class 53G. He was commissioned as 2nd lieutenant and as a USAF pilot on June 16, 1956 in Brian, Texas after which he immediately began flying fighter aircraft. The following year off the coast of Japan, Hoss was sent in his F-86 to help locate and recover a downed aircraft. His success in this mission earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In 1963, Major McBride graduated from Southern Mississippi. From there he went to Panama for service with the 605 Air Commando Squadron and flew T-28 and U-10 aircraft. He served in several South American countries with Military Training Teams (MTTs) teaching air forces how to conduct special operations against insurgent forces. In 1968, Hoss was assigned to the Air Operations Center in Savannakhet, Laos. According to the book, "The Ravens" Hoss would make candy runs over towns dropping candy to friendly troops and children. On November 27, 1968 Hoss mistook a column of North Vietnamese troops for friendlies. When he returned to drop candy, he was struck by a .30 caliber round in the chest. His plane landed upside down in a nearby river. Hoss was buried in Hattiesburg next to his father.

He is survived by his widow Giraldo who lives in Bogota, Colombia, a daughter Becky McBride of Canoga Park, California, a son who is curator of a museum in Cartagena, Colombia, and his mother, a sister, and two brothers all of whom live in Hattiesburg. The aircraft he flew were the F-86, T-28, O-1, and U-10. His decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and a Purple Heart. He was one of

the most popular pilots in the Air Force and will always be remembered by his comrades as a fine human being.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EMPIRE STATESMEN DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 1998

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group from my district that has recently achieved a tremendous honor for the United States. Last week, the Empire Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps of Rochester, New York traveled to London, England to participate in the World Marching Show Band Competition. There, it emerged from a group of 23 bands from 14 countries to become World Champions. Its winning score of 95.5 was also the highest score in competition history.

While in London, the Empire Statesmen were also invited to perform at the Royal Tournament of Drums at Earl's Court in London. This prestigious event, which has been in existence since 1820, allows groups to showcase their talents in front of some of Britain's most honored guests, including members of the Royal Family. Under most circumstances, groups are only allowed enough time to perform a sample of their work. However, in this case, the organizers of the event specifically requested that the Statesmen perform their entire 12 minute routine.

The Empire Statesmen, unbeaten in worldwide competition, represent the highest possible standard of excellence, determination and commitment. As well as being World Champions, they are also the defending American Legion National Champions.

Led by Mr. Vincent Bruni, who has sacrificed much to dedicate years to the group, the Empire Statesmen represented the City of Rochester, the State of New York, and the people of the United States with great pride. None of their success could have been attained without hard work and determination, and I commend all members for everything they have accomplished. The Empire Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps have proven themselves to be the best at what they do. I congratulate them and wish them the best of luck in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 1998

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, following a meeting this morning with farmers and grain shippers in Minot, North Dakota, I experienced an unavoidable travel delay on my return trip to Washington. As a result, I was absent for the roll call votes taken today, August 3.

STUDENTS' VIEWS OF ISSUES
FACING YOUTH

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 1998

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to have printed in the RECORD statements by high school students from my home state of Vermont, who were speaking at my recent town meeting on issues facing young people today. I am asking that you please insert these statements in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as I believe that the views of these young people will benefit my colleagues.

STATEMENT BY DAVID HAY REGARDING VA
HEALTH CARE

DAVID HAY: For the record, my name is David Hay.

Congressman SANDERS: Thank you very much for coming.

DAVID HAY: I would like to talk about my dad. My dad is a Vietnam veteran who is permanently and totally disabled due to the war, and dying due to Agent Orange-related illnesses. He is on medication for seizure disorder, depression, physical pain, various forms of hepatitis and other diseases, including emphysema.

Even with these medications, he is sometimes confined to the house with pain and sickness. He gets about two to three hours of sleep at night, and sometimes none at all. He spends the first part of the morning vomiting and then takes his medications, and endeavors not to vomit in order that the medications may be effective.

My dad's average weight was 180 to 190 pounds. Now he is lucky to reach 130 pounds. He has to force-feed himself. No matter how much he eats, he still loses weight. He will gain ten pounds one week and loss 15 the next. When he wakes up from sleeping, he can hardly walk twenty feet from loss of breath. My dad is not old, he just turned 52.

Part of the reason why he is so sick is because of the medication he receives from the Veterans Association Hospital in White River Junction. It is not rare at all for him to receive the wrong medication, or a synthetic medication that affects him badly, or a prescribed medication for him that counteracts with other medications. They are constantly changing his prescription. These medications affect with malice his breathing, appetite, sleeping pattern, thoughts and pain.

Just three weeks ago, I was at home reading the warning label on one of his inhalers. It said not to take it with seizure medication. My dad has to take seizure medications every day, as with the inhalers. He has been using the inhaler for over a year, and both were given to him by the VA. And there are many other vets that this happens to.

I was wondering what you or Congress could do to correct the carelessness of the Veterans Association Hospital, if there could be laws or regulations that the doctors must look into background of the patient and the current medication the patient might be on before prescribing more drugs that could harm or even kill the patient, and if there are such laws and regulations, what can we do to enforce them.

Congressman SANDERS: Thank you very much David.

STATEMENT BY KAYLA GILDERSLEEVE AND
TESS GROSS REGARDING STRENGTHENING
POLLUTION STANDARDS

KAYLA GILDERSLEEVE: Our presentation is focused on a topic that a lot of people have